OFFICE OF THE AMILDAR AND ELECTION AUTHORITY, GAURIBIDANUR TALUK.

Notification dated 5th June 1957.

No. V. P. 25/56-57. It is hereby notified for the information of the public and the persons concerned that Sri A. Patchanna, son of Anantharajaiya of Maralur Village, Gauribidanur Taluk, is elected as a member of Maralur Village Panchayet under the provisions of V. P. Election Rules of 1954 (Part I Election).

V. NANJUNDAPPA,
485 *Amildar and Election Authority.*

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE.

Notification dated 31st May 1957.

No. C2. PR. 121-C 296—55-56. This is to notify that the revision of the schedule of rates of Tolls in the Mysore City Municipality sanctioned in Government Order No. LLH5CTX dated 30th May 1957, as enclosed shall come into force from 1st July 1957.

A. VISWANATH,
Municipal Commissioner.

APPENDIX TO G. O. No. LLH5CTX, DATED 30TH MAY 1957.

Schedule of Rates for the levy of tolls

		Rs.	a.	p.
1	On every goods vehicle or a stage carriage as defined in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (Central Act IV of 1939), other than those exempted from Municipal Toll under the Mysore Motor Vehicle Taxation and Tolls Act, 1951.	2	0	0
	On every Motor car as defined in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (Central Act IV of 1939), other than those exempted from Municipal Toll under the Mysore Motor Vehicle Taxation and Tolls Act, 1951.	1	0	0
3	Trailers attached to Goods Vehicle ...	1	0	0
4	On every 4 wheeled carriage ...	0	8	0
5	On every 2 wheeled carriage on springs other than jutka.	0	4	0
6	On every Jutka laden	0	2	0
7	On every Jutka un-laden	0	1	0
8	On every other vehicle with spring including a trycycle or bicycle.	0	2	0
9	On every cart or other vehicle not on springs drawn by 2 buffaloes, bullocks, horses, ponies asses or mule if laden.	0	4	0
10	Do do if not laden ...	0	2	0
11	On every cart or other vehicle not on spring drawn by a single bullock, buffalo, horse, pony, ass or mule, if laden.	0	2	0
12	Do do if not laden ...	0	1	0

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SRIRANGAPATNA.

Notification dated 25th May 1957.

No. HC. 28 (a) 57-58. Notice is hereby given to the inhabitants of the Srirangapatna Town Municipality that the Municipal Council desires to impose the tax and rates defined in the appended rules for the supply of water in Srirangapatna Town Municipal limits in lieu of the existing tax and rates known as water tax and water connection fee, under section 62 (e) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951, read with section 46 (2) of the said Act.

Any inhabitant of the Municipality objecting to the proposed tax may, within one month from the date of this notice, send his objections in writing to the Municipal Council.

B. BORE GOWDA,
President.

RULES FOR WATER SUPPLY.

Rules for water supply framed and adopted by the Town Municipal Council, Srirangapatna for regulating all the matters and things connected with the supply and use of water in Srirangapatna Municipality.

1. These rules shall be called "Rules for the water supply."

2. The owner or consumer shall deposit with the authorised officer (President) the cost of the attachment from the public main at the following rates :—

	Rs.
½" attachment	... 2
¾" attachment	... 3
1" attachment	... 4

3. Every application for a non-domestic connection shall be accompanied by a deposit of not less than Rs. 6 the actual amount being determined by the department in each case in addition to the usual cost of attachment, road-boxes, etc., to serve as an advance. This deposit shall be refunded to the depositor on demand after settling his account. Such deposits should be taken in the case of existing non-domestic connections also.

4. For every meter installed by the Municipality or Government to premises and kept in working condition, the following rates of meter rates shall be levied per month in addition to whatsoever charge may be due for the water consumed ; provided that for the period when the meter is out of order no such rent shall be charged.

Per meter ... ... Re. 0-4-0

5. *Testing of meters.*—Any person disputing the accuracy of the meter may apply to the authorised officer (President) who shall, on payment of a fee of rupee one per test, direct the testing of the meter. If, on actual test, the quantity registered by the meter is in excess of the correct quantity by more than 5 per cent the testing fee shall be refunded and a proportionate rebate shall be allowed for the month in question and the modified bill paid for as per rules. No rebate shall be allowed if the excess is five per cent and below, and the testing fee shall not also be refunded.

(*a*) No owner or consumer either for domestic or for non-domestic purposes will be entitled to demand the connection of meters. It is entirely in the discretion of the authorised officer (President). Rules stipulated in rule 8 *infra* will apply as minimum rates even if meters are provided.

6. *Excess water charges.*—Any consumer who uses water if any, in excess of the free allowances shall pay for such excess at the rate of Re. 0-8-0 for every 1,000 gallons so consumed. Fractions of 1,000 gallons shall not be charged for if it be 500 gallons or less ; but the excess over 500 gallons, if any, shall be charged for as if it were 1,000 gallons.

7. *Non-domestic purpose.*—Non-domestic concerns shall not be entitled to free allowance of water. All the water supplied to such premises shall be charged for and where no meters are fixed a monthly rate of Rs. 6 in each case will be charged.

8. *Domestic purpose:*—For all the domestic consumptions a monthly rate of Rs. 2 and Rs. 3 shall be charged for 1/2" connection and 3/4" connection respectively where no meter is provided.

9. *Payment of water charges* :—The water charges, meter rent and other charges due under these rules shall be paid on or before the 15th of the month following except in the case where meter is provided; where meters are provided the above charges shall be paid within 15 days from the date of the bill at the office of the authorised officer (President). The Bills shall be sent to the party within five days from the date of meter reading.

If the bills are not received within five days from the date of the meter reading, the party may obtain duplicate bills from the supply office to enable him to make payment within the due date.

Non-receipt of bills shall not be accepted as an excuse for delay in payment. Payment should invariably be made in cash or money orders.

Disconnections and re-connections of service :—On

reserves the right to cut off water supply to the premises and connection will be restored only on receipt of the amount with a penalty of rupee one in such cases,

This penalty will not be charged if disconnections made at the request of the consumer, subject to the condition that all the dues up to the date of disconnection are paid up on or before the due date.

"Disconnection may not generally be made when the arrears due from any installation is less than rupee one provided such arrears are paid up before the next quarterly bill is preferred."

"As mistakes are likely to occur in crediting the receipt to the proper ledger account and giving room for disconnection of service in such cases, notwithstanding such payments being made by the concerned parties, the consumers are advised to produce receipts for payments or alternatively or postal money order receipts when asked for by the officials of the Department, who have been directed to effect disconnection of service, in cases of default in payment."

No disconnection shall be made without first asking for the voucher in support of the payment made.

Cheques drawn on local banks, such as the Imperial Bank of India, Mysore Bank, Co-Operative Banks and Societies shall be accepted; but no cheques shall be accepted for sums less than Re. 1 which shall be paid only in cash.

10. Payments claimed by the department even in some cases of disputes shall be made within the specified time subject to the grant of a refund later on after final decision by the department.

11. *Payment by consumer or owner*:—All money due for water consumed, meter rent or other charges under these rules shall be payable by the consumer or on his default by the owner.

12. *Intimation of change of ownership or tenancy*:—All changes of ownership or tenancy of a premises should be intimated forthwith to the authorised officer (President) in writing, failing which the new consumer or owner shall be liable to be proceeded against recovery of all arrears connected with the supply of water, provided, however, that for any such sum recovered from the new tenant, he shall be entitled to credit in account with the owner of the premises.

13. Claims for water charges, etc., shall not become time barred merely by any delay on the part of the department, provided that the bills for the claims can be shown to have been sent to the authorised officer (President) at least once immediately after the charges become due. Arrears of charges due, if found irrecoverable by the department will be recovered in the same manner as any other Municipal dues under the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951.

14. The President shall, when requested by the consumer in writing, furnish a memorandum showing the consumption and probable charges on account of water consumed, meter rent and other items, for any period subequent to the preparation of the last bill in the office.

15. In cases of neglect or unwarranted delay to report wastage under the above rule, the President or the authorised Officer may cut off the water connection without notice and follow it up with an official notice to the consumer or the owner.

16. The connection shall not be restored until the defects of leakage, etc., are satisfactorily restored. A bill of cost for such immediate repairs executed by the department agency will be sent to the party who has to pay the same.

17. *Power to cut of the connection*:—The President or the authorised Officer, shall have power to cut off the connection between the supply and communication pipes in any one of the following cases, provided that a reasonable written notice showing the specified cause or causes is given in advance such notice being posted on the houses or premises in case the consumer is not accessible:—

(*a*) In default of payment of excess water charges, meter rents or any other charges due under these rules which have been duly demanded previously through bills ssued from the office of the authorised officer.

(*b*) If any consumer violates any of the conditions on which connection has been granted to the premises in question, resulting in the misuse of such water.

(*c*) In case of leakage through pipes or other fittings or any defective or insanitary condition of the same.

(*d*) In case of allowing wastage of water even after the issue of a warning in advance.

(*e*) In the case of broken pipes or fittings causing or likely to cause heavy loss of water or damage to.

(*f*) In the case of refusal to allow the President or the authorised Officer to enter into any land or building for the purpose of inspecting or repairing or attempting to any works connected with the water supply given to the premises.

(*g*) In case of any person wilfully or unauthorisedly permitting any other person to take connection from his supply.

(*h*) In the case of contamination of water from storage cistern.

(*i*) In case the occupier of the premises does not give proper protection to meter readers from any injury being caused by animals such as dogs, etc.

(*j*) In the case of non-payment of the monthly water charge as stipulated in rule 9 above.

18. In the case of Government buildings used for residential purposes the water charges shall be recovered as under the rules applicable to the general rate-payers, from the occupier direct as a liability against him. In the case of his default, the Head of the Department concerned under whose charge the building is left, shall recover the arrears.

19. *Mosques, Churches, Temples, Schools, Gymnasiums and other religious and charitable institutions*:—In the case of Mosques, Churches, Temples, Schools, Gymnasiums and other religious and charitable institutions recognised as such by the Municipal Council and used by the public, water shall be supplied free of cost.

Note:—Only two taps will be allowed for each institution.—

2. The trustees of the institutions concerned shall see that the repairs needed to the pipe line and taps are attended to promptly and that water is not misused or wasted.

3. The staff of the water supply department shall inspect these institutions frequently and defects, if any, pointed out by them should be attended to speedily by the trustees of the institutions concerned.

4. Failure to attend to the defects pointed out will entail cutting of the water supply connection without further notice.

5. The President shall obtain the approval of Government to a consolidated list of religious institutions as are now existing and which shall be governed by these rules and new ones added to the list with the approval of Government, as and when they come into existence.

6. The above concession shall not, however, apply to the residential and other buildings attached to the institutions concerned, which will be governed by the general rules applicable to private buildings.

(b) Charitable Institutions.

1. *Chattrams*:—The free allowance admissible in each csse will be fixed by the Government on the recommendation of the Municipal Council and the excess consumption charged for at the rate of annas eight per thousand gallons. A consolidated list of existing chattrams in the Town will be submitted to Government by the President.

2. *Hospitals*:—The free allowance for each hospital shall be fixed on the merits of each case on the recommendation of the Municipal Council and the excess consumption charged for at the rate of annas eight per 1,000 gallons.

Note:—Government, however, reserve the right to enhance or reduce the free allowance in the case of these institutions according to the circumstances of each case.

(c) Burial and Cremation Grounds.

The water supplied to burial and cremation grounds will be entirely free of cost.

20. The free allowance of water in the case of jails shall be as follows :—

1. Convicts: six and a quarter gallons per head per day.
2. Resident members on the Jail establishment who have no separate water connection in the residential quarters: twelve and a half gallons per head per day.

21. *Jails* :—The water supply department shall ascertain the strength of convicts resident members of the Jail establishment from time to time, usually once a quarter and fix the free allowance accordingly.

22. *Hostels*:—The free allowance of water in the case of hostels shall be twelve and a half gallons per Boarder per day and the excess consumption charged for at the rate of annas eight per thousand gallons (in the case of free hostels) and at rupee one per thousand gallons in the case of hostels having paying boarders). The department shall get the statistics every quarter before the 10th of the month following that quarter.

23. *Supply to Government Institutions.*—In the case of Government public buildings and institutions in which Government offices are held and which are not run on commercial or business or trade lines, the entire water consumed shall be charged for at eight annas per thousand gallons without any free allowance subject to a minimum of Rs. 6 a month as the buildings are used solely for public purposes.

24. But when the Government Institutions are in default or when the claims are disputed by them, the water shall not be cut off immediately but two months time shall be given to refer the matter to the departmental head and obtain orders for recovery.

Should they continue to default even thereafter, the matter may be referred to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department and arrangements made for recovery through the Accountant General.

25. *Water supply out of Municipal Limits* :—In cases in which water supply is made to houses, premises, industrial concerns. etc., outside the Municipal limits of the Town, these rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, except where such supply is controlled by a separate agreement with the Municipal Council.

No houses, premises, industrial concerns, etc., outside the Municipal limits shall be eligible for any free allowance, All water supplied will be charged for at a rate of Re. 1 per 1,000 gallons, except where otherwise provided for under a separate agreement with the Municipal Council.

All arrears of water charges, meter rent and other charges due to the department or council shall be recoverable from the consumer as arrears of land Revenue.

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Notification dated 25th May 1957.

No. HC 28 (b)—57-58. Notice is hereby given to the inhabitants of the Municipality of Srirangapatna Town that the Municipal Council desires to adopt the appended draft bye-laws for regulating all matters and things connected with the supply of water in the Srirangapatna Town Municipality in supersession of the existing procedure being adopted for the same, under section 48(1) (*e*) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951 on the basis of Model Bye-laws sanctioned by the Government in their order No. *L. 1854*—MD. 109-53-2, dated the 11th May 1953.

Any inhabitant of the Municipality objecting to the proposed bye-laws or any part thereof may send his objections or suggestions in writing to the Municipal Council within one month from the date of this notice. The objections or suggestions received thereafter will not be considered. The draft bye-laws will be taken into consideration on or after 26th June. 1957.

B. BORE GOWDA,
President.

BYE-LAWS FOR WATER SUPPLY.

Bye-laws for water supply framed and adopted by the Srirangapatna Town Municipal Council for regulating all the matters and things connected with the supply and use of water in Srirangapatna Town Municipality.

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1. These bye-laws shall shall be called bye-laws for the supply of water in the Town Municipality, Srirangapatna.

2. *Definition.*—In these bye-laws unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context :

(i) " Department " shall mean the Water Supply Department under the Municipal Council.

(ii) " Authorised Officer " shall mean the Officer in charge of the water supply works connected therewith or any other officer authorised by the Town Municipal Council and include the President, Town Municipal Council.

(iii) "Consumer" shall mean any corporate body, person or persons consuming water supplied by the department and shall include the owner of such premises as are supplied with water by the Department.

(iv) "Licensed Plumber" hereinafter called 'plumber' shall mean any person engaged in pipe laying and fitting and licensed by the department under the rules framed by it in this behalf.

(v) "premises" shall mean any house or building (inclusive of the grounds attached thereto) or its part or any tenement thereof in respect of which water is supplied or applied for.

(vi) " The departmental stop-cock or valve " shall mean the gland cock or valve fixed outside the premises and supplied by the owner but operated by the department.

(vii) "Supply pipe" shall mean that portion of the pipe line between the departmental stop-valve nearest the main and the entrance to the premises.

(viii) "Communication pipe" shall mean that portion of the pipe line between the main and the departmental stop valve.

(ix) "Service pipe" shall mean that portion of the pipe line laid within the premises.

(x) "Storage cistern" shall mean any cistern for containing the departmentally supplied water but shall not include a cistern for storing hot water or water for flushing or other sanitary needs.

(xi) "Sources and means of water supply" include any water supply installations and private wells which are used by the public.

(xii) The President or in his absence the Vice-President or any other officer authorised by the Town Municipal Council may exercise and perform the duties provided in these bye-laws.

3. The Water Supply Department shall be responsible for all works connected with the supply of water to the places within the Municipal area.

4. *Purposes of supply of water.*—The supply of water under the rules is intended ordinarily for *bona fide* domestic purposes and the water supplied shall not be used for any other purpose without the previous permission in writing from the President or Vice-President of the Town Municipal Council.

A supply for '*bona fide* domestic purposes' shall mean a supply made to dwelling or residential quarters for drinking, cooking, bathing and such other domestic purposes and shall not include a supply for horses or for washing carriages or a supply to any of the non-domestic concerns mentioned below :—

All institutions of an industrial, commercial or business nature and also coffee clubs, restaurants, tiffin rooms, hotels, theatres, clubs for recreation, dairy farms, motor garages, stables, etc., used for hire or business, nurseries, fruit or flower gardens and all premises where construction or alterations of buildings are going on, and all premises which are taxed by the Municipality at rates other than those for dwelling houses shall be treated as "non-domestic" for the purpose of these bye-laws.

5. No water cart or lorry shall take water from public fountains installed for *bona fide* domestic purposes. Water may be drawn for watering public roads, flushing drains and other Municipal purposes from duly metered public fountains and connections separately provided for the purpose at the cost of the Municipal Council.

6. The President may, subject to the condition to be determined by him in this behalf, supply water for other than domestic purposes.

7. *Installation and removal of public fountains.*—Public fountains shall ordinarily be located at distance of not less than 300 feet apart. The President may remove or close or shift the public fountains in consultation with the Municipal Council.

The President or the authorised officer may close temporarily any public fountain found to be misused or contaminated.

8. *Erection of Public fountain by private donors.*—Private individuals may be allowed to erect public street fountains for dedication to public use on the following conditions :—

(i) that their number is strictly restricted to *bona fide* public requirements or particular localities which shall be decided in consultation with the Municipal Council;

(ii) that they shall be subject to the same conditions as are applicable to other Municipal public fountains;

(iii) that their maintenance and repair costs shall be borne by the Municipality in the absence of any specific donor;

(iv) that their free and unobstructed use by the public for domestic purposes be duly safeguarded and no special privilege be claimed by the donor; and

(v) that they are not placed close to any other public fountain at a distance of less than 200 feet.

9. *Application for house connections.*—The owner or consumer shall make an application for water connection in the form prescribed by the Department to the authorised officer through a licensed plumber. The application shall be accompanied by a certificate of ownership of the house, the Municipal assessment receipt with details of the annual rental value, the Municipal deposit receipt for the road cutting or repair charges, a detailed estimate of the cost of connections and sketches of the several houses in the compound and the details of lay-out of the pipe service, in relation not only to the departmental distribution lines running close by, but also to the public and private drains, latrines, etc.

10. *Plumber's register of house connection.*—The plumber shall maintain a register of such applications sanctioned and completed and shall submit the same before the 5th of each month to the authorised officer.

11. *Plumber's notice for getting license.*—The plumber executing the work shall give at least two days' notice to the authorised officer for getting connections with the departmental distribution line.

12. *Service connection by whom given.*—The service connection shall be given by the authorised officer or any other officer empowered by him in this behalf in the presence of the plumber and the consumer or owner.

13. *Connection to mains.*—Such connection with the department public main shall be in accordance with the subsidiary rules issued from time to time by the department in this behalf.

14. The work shall not be commenced until after the departmental approval is communicated in writing to the consumer or owner through the concerned licensed plumber.

15. *Quality of pipes and fittings.*—No person shall for the purpose of conveying, delivering, receiving or using the water supplied by the department, fix, fit or use any pipe, tap, valve, cock, cistern or any other water fittings or sanitary appliances which shall not be of the quality and strength prescribed by the department. No consumer or owner shall be entitled for the supply of water, unless and until such pipes and fittings and the laying and fixing thereof are approved by the authorised officer.

16. *Rates for materials and works.*—A schedule of rates chargeable for the materials and for the execution of works as in force at the time, shall be kept by the department for the information of the consumers or owners.

17. *Specifications prescribed.*—The department may, by subsidiary rules, prescribe the size, nature, materials, workmanship, strength and mode of arrangement, connection, disconnection, alteration and repair of pipes, meters, cocks, ferrules, valves, soil pans, water closets, baths, cisterns and other apparatus and forbid any arrangements and use of any water fittings which may allow or tend to allow any waste, undue consumption, misuse, erroneous measurement or contamination.

18. *Extension of Connections.*—In case where the consumer or owner applies for extension of the existing connections, he shall not be required to alter or renew the fittings existing on the date of applications, unless in the opinion of the authorised officer, they are so defective or located in such a position as to cause or likely to cause obstruction to the water supplied by the department or result in waste, undue consun ption, misuse or contamination of the water.

19. *Communication of pipes.*—No premises which has been separately assessed to Municipal tax shall except with the special permission in writing of the President be supplied with water by more than one communication pipe.

20. *Condition for a pipe connection.*—Every separately assessed domestic premises shall be entitled to have its own separate communication pipe, subject however, to the capacity and the pressure of the distribution of sub-main nearest to the premises permitting the grant of such connections.

21. *Connection from nearest distribution line.*—The water connection shall, as a general rule, be taken from the nearest distribution line feeding the locality wherein the premises is situated. Special connections from other sub-mains shall be subject to the express orders of the President.

22. The President or the authorised officer may, if, at any time, he deems it necessary in the interests of the supply, to alter the position of an existing connections with any public main or of the communication pipes or fittings thereof, direct such alteration after giving not less than two days' notice in writing to the person concerned. The cost of all such alterations up to the departmental stop valve shall be borne by the department.

23. Except under a written agreement with the department and subject to its conditions, no consumer shall fix, fit or use on any premises, any self-acting sanitary or other outfit on the departmental water supply service line. Such a connection may not be granted by the department except when conditions of supply admit such extra consumption in the opinion of the officer in charge of the water supply.

24. *Accessibility.*—Every pipe or fitting within a building shall, as far as practicable, be so placed as to admit of easy access, examination, repair or renewal.

25. *Department's stop cock on supply line.*—Every connection shall have, just outside the premises and in an easily accessable position, a valve or gland or cock of the approved pattern with a minimum diameter of 1/2" and not more than the diameter of the supply pipe. This valve or cock shall be supplied by the consumer. Such valve or cock if below the ground level shall be suitably protected by a box in the approved pattern supplied to the consumer by the department at the consumer's cost.

Every such gland shall be provided with a detachable check nut union joint near to it for facility of connecting or disconnecting service.

In the case of existing service where the original gland cocks are either far away from the premises or otherwise accessible separate additional gland cocks and check nut joints shall be provided by the consumers when and where required by the authorised officer.

26. *Communication and other pipes not to be laid through insanitary places.*—No communication or other pipe shall be laid so as to pass into or through any sewer, drain, latrine, manhole or ash pit or manure pit. Such pipe shall not be allowed to remain in contact with any foul smelling or injurious materials. In unavoidable cases adequate protection to the pipe shall invariably be provided by carrying it through an exterior cast iron tube or in any other suitable manner approved by the authorised officer.

27. *Depths of pipes.*—Underground pipes laid in open ground shall be at least 1½ feet below the ground level.

28. Pipes intended to carry water supplied by the department shall not be allowed to carry water supplied from any other source.

29. *Storage Cisterns.*—In every case where the water is to be supplied to a storage cistern, a suitable control valve with an automatic arrangement for closing the inlet shall be provided. In addition to this, a warning pipe shall also be fitted near to the cistern in such a manner that overflowing water from the same can be easily noticed by the consumer or departmental staff.

NOTE.—A warning pipe is a pipe fixed at the maximum water level of the cistern to indicate the overflow therefrom.

30. A storage cistern, reservoir or storage tank shall be provided with a dust and water-proof cover and a ventilator and shall be so placed as to admit of ready inspection and repairs and cleaning and shall be free from contamination.

The position of the warning pipe of the cistern shall not be altered except with the approval of the authorised officer.

31. A cistern buried or excavated in the ground shall be provided with a reflux valve to prevent the back flow of the water to the pipe line and shall be so constructed as to ensure the water tightness as well as the imperviousness of the cistern to outside contamination. The authorised officer may inspect and cut off the service to such a cistern whenever contamination or misuse or any defect in construction is noticed.

32. Unless otherwise specially authorised, no consumer shall be allowed to take water through any boiler water closet or sanitary appliances, except from a storage cistern of the approved specification.

33. *Removal or alteration or extension of pipes.*—The owner or consumer shall, before starting the removal or alteration or extension of any pipe, give not less than 15 days' notice thereof to the authorised officer and deliver an application through a duly licensed plumber in the form prescribed by the Department.

34. *Only licensed plumbers to execute works.*—All water connections or alterations or extension or repairs to any water connection shall be done by the departmental agency or by licensed plumbers.

35. *Meters.*—For every connection, there shall be provided at the cost of the Municipality or Government and maintained in due working order, a water meter for the accurate gauging of the water consumed provided that the authorised officer may dispense with such meters in the case of connections which, in the opinion of the department, are not likely to consume more water than the free allowance to be granted thereto.

36. The meter shall, wherever practicable, be placed inside the premises of the consumer, who shall be held responsible for any damage or tampering with the meter. He shall be liable to pay the cost of making good such damages and to the penalty, hereinafter imposed under the rules.

The President may, subject to the approval of the Council, assess the damages caused and recover the same in the manner prescribed for the recovery of other charges.

37. *Meter reading.*—The meter shall be read between the 18th and the end of the month, generally between the hours of 7-30 A.M. and 5-30 P.M. and recorded on meter cards hung up by the side of the electric meter cards or in any safe and prominent portion of the house. The consumer shall be responsible for the safety of the card.

38. *Dispute about meter reading.*—Protests or disputes connected with the meter reading shall be lodged within fifteen days after the monthly readings are recorded on the meter card mounted in the premises. No complaints received after this period shall be entertained.

39. The Municipal Council reserves to itself the right to make its own tests, free of cost, at any time after giving due notice of the same to the consumer.

40. If, on examination, any meter is found to be out of order, the consumption during the period since the last reading till the meter is repaired or a new meter installed, shall be calculated at the average daily consumption of the last six months during which, in the opinion of the authorised officer, the meter was recording properly and the consumption of water was not for any reason abnormal.

41. *Free allowance of water.*—(*a*) Wherever meters are provided the free allowance of water consumed for domestic connection shall be regulated as follows :—

For every one rupee of the annual rental value of the premises, the authorised free allowance shall be 100 gallons per annum but in no case shall such free allowance be less than 2,000 gallons or more than 7,500 gallons per month. In the cases of houses containing flushing latrines, however, an additional free allowance of 750 gallons per month shall be allowed in respect of each such latrine, provided that the concession shall not apply to more than two such latrines in a single house or premises.

The same rates shall apply to Government Buildings used for residential purposes.

But in the case of Government residential buildings like police lines, nurses quarters, etc., the free allowance fixed is without restriction of the maximum limit.

For the quantity of water consumed in excess of the free allowance a charge of Re. 0-8-0 per 1,000 gallons will be levied

(*b*) Where no meter is provided, the following rates are charged :—

For houses taking 1/2" connection a monthly fee of Rs. 2 each and for those taking 3/4" connection Rs. 3-0-0 each. Non-domestic connections will be charged at Rs. 6 per month or Re. 0-8-0 for 1,000 gallons if meters are provided. No free allowance will be allowed for non-domestic purposes.

42. In case of new premises, free allowance shall be granted from the date of Municipal assessment has effect provided that the construction work is over and the premises is used for *bona fide* domestic purposes. In the absence of the Municipal receipt for payment of assessment, the minimum free allowance fixed under these bye-laws shall be allowed, provided that the construction work is over and the houses or the premises are occupied for domestic purposes. The correct free allowance shall be granted only on production of the said Municipal receipt. But in no case shall free allowance be granted for the period not covered by the Municipal assessment.

43. Applications for modifications in the quantity of free allowance allowed by the department to any premises and noted on the Bill sent every month shall be made within 15 days from the date of the bill. No complaints received after this period shall be entertained.

44. *Same premises with separate consumers.*—Whenever the Municipal Council assess a premises separately the department may give a separate connection thereto. But where more than one building is existing on the same premises occupied by different consumers but under a single assessment, no separate free allowance shall be given to each such undivided building.

45. *Several houses supplied by one pipe.*—(*a*) In the case of blocks of houses situated in one and the same compound and separately assessed by the Municipality and having only one meter supply connection, where conditions do not admit of giving separate water supply connections on account of insufficiency of main, etc., the total rental value of the houses shall be taken into consideration for purposes of calculating free allowance, subject, however to the minimum of 3,000 gallons and maximum of 10,000 gallons.

(*b*) In the case of a house the assessment of which has been split up by the Municipality thereby entitling the owner to a separate water connection to each such sub-assessed house, it shall be incumbent on the owner to apply for a separate water connection to each sub-assessed house and where conditions do not permit of separate connections being given, due to insufficiency of main, etc., the free allowance shall be calculated on the total rental value of the block as a whole and not on the independent rental value of each such sub-assessed house in the block.

46. In the case of premises used partly for domestic and partly for any of the non-domestic purposes, the President shall decide the portion of the premises eligible for free allowance and fix the quantity thereof. An appeal shall lie, against the decision of the President to the Council whose decision shall be final.

47. Whenever a person ceased to occupy the premises supplied with water or to use the water, he shall send a written notice to the authorised officer. In case of the failure to do so, the Department may proceed against the person or the owner to recover any charges that may become due including those for excess consumption or wastages occurring during the period of non-intimation to the authorised officer.

48. *Inspection of premises.*—The authorised officer may enter any house, building or land to which water is supplied to examine if there be any waste or misuse of water or if there is dispute about the supply of water and for inspecting the water fittings for conveying, receiving, storing and measuring water or for removing the instruments belonging to the department. But this power of entry shall be exercised only between the hours 7-30 A.M. and 5-30 P.M. and at other times of the day with previous intimation of not less than six hours to the consumer or owner or in his absence to the members of his family.